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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND COST FOR DV AND IMMIGRANT VISA CHANGES**

**DHAKA, JUNE 9**— As of **June 15, 2011** our procedures and costs for medical exams are changing. All immigrant and diversity visa applicants ages 2-14 will be required to undergo a Tuberculosis Skin Test (TST) at the panel physician of their choice. TST tests require two visits to the doctor:

- a. first visit to the doctor for the administration of the test
- b. second visit for a diagnosis **three** calendar days later

**All applicants ages 2-14 should be prepared to visit the panel physician three days after the initial test.**

The new cost for visa applicants ages 0-14 is Tk 1600 and visa applicants ages 15 and older is Tk 3000.

If each applicant in your family has not **completed** their medical exam prior to the interview date, your entire family will be rescheduled for the next available interview date. This date may be many months in the future. In this case, your medical exams may be **expired**, and you may need to re-do your medical exams prior to your new interview date or visa issuance.

**You must begin your medical tests at least seven days prior to your interview date, as medical exams may take several days or longer to complete.** If you fail to do that, we may not receive your medical report prior your interview date.

**You must bring your passport to the panel physician on each visit.**

#### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR DV APPLICANTS:**

It is very important for DV applicants and their family members to complete their medical exams as soon as possible. All DV applicants must begin their medical exams by June 30, 2011. If your medical exam is not complete prior to your interview date, your interview will not be rescheduled, and we will not process your case.

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